

'Secret NATO papers found in street'

LONDON (R) — A bag containing documents marked "top secret-NATO" and giving details of submarine operations was found by a man in a London street on Friday, the Daily Telegraph newspaper reported Monday. The Telegraph quoted garage owner Michael Scott as saying he found the documents in a white canvas bag, secured with a lead seal, which he broke to make sure they were official. "I noticed what appeared to be a graph with names and details of submarines. I saw the word 'nuclear' and there was a table giving details of where the submarines were operating, their firepower, speeds, depths and other information," he said. Mr. Scott, who recalled references to tanks and NATO strategy but not names of the submarines, put the documents back and handed the bag to a passing policeman.



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Palestinian shot dead in W. Bank

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli police shot and killed one Palestinian and wounded two others Monday in a clash with villagers who tried to stop work on a new Israeli settlement in the occupied West Bank, Israeli security sources said. The police were called in after some 50 men of Biyva village southwest of Nablus attacked workers preparing a site for an Israeli settlement, the sources said. The villagers said they had been using the land for grazing, while the Israelis in charge of construction claimed the land was state-owned. The Israeli sources said the villagers attacked police who were brought in. An officer was stabbed and taken to hospital. Police then fired at the group, killing a demonstrator and wounding two others. Nine demonstrators were arrested, the sources said.

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New Israeli party formed to promote settlements drive

TEL AVIV (R) — Ultra-nationalist parliamentarian Rabbi Haim Druckman Monday announced he was launching a new political party to encourage Jewish settlement in Israeli-occupied Arab territories. The Rabbi, who helped lead violent protests against Israel's return of the Sinai desert to Egypt last year, told a press conference he was leaving the National Religious Party (NRP), a coalition partner, to create Maizad (Hebrew acronym for Religious Zionist Party).

Israel jails 3 for refusing Lebanon duty

TEL AVIV (R) — Three Israeli soldiers were jailed Monday for refusing to serve in Lebanon, bringing to 41 the number imprisoned for defying similar orders, a spokesman for an anti-war group said. The soldiers have received sentences ranging from 21 to 35 days for failing to carry out reserve army duty in Lebanon, the Yesh Gvul (Hebrew for "there's a limit") spokesman said.

Planes draw fire over north Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) — Anti-aircraft fire opened up Monday on suspected Israeli planes flying over the northern Lebanese town of Tripoli, Lebanese security sources said. The sources said forces of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) were apparently responsible for a two-minute burst against the military planes over the Mediterranean coastal town and nearby Palestinian refugee camps. No further details were given.

Begin aide to meet Romanian president

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin has sent a top aide to Romania for talks on Lebanon with President Nicolae Ceausescu, the only European leader to maintain diplomatic relations with Israel. Mr. Ceausescu, who was involved in the early stages of peace talks between Israel and Egypt, has occasionally played a behind-the-scenes role in Middle East peace efforts.

UAE to strengthen naval defences

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) plans to expand its defences by building more naval bases and equipping them with early warning systems, the armed forces' deputy supreme commander was quoted Monday as saying. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed was also quoted by the Emirates News agency as saying that the UAE had a number of surface-to-surface exocet missiles with a range of about 70 kilometres.

Angola foresees new meeting on Namibia

PARIS (R) — Angolan Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge was quoted Monday as saying his government would meet the South Africans a third time to try to help solve the problem of Namibia (South West Africa). In an interview with the French left-wing daily Liberation, Mr. Jorge said: "We are waiting for them (the South Africans) to propose a date and to know the level of their delegation."

Shultz continues talks in Israel amid reports of progress, problems

TEL AVIV (R) — U.S. and Israeli officials agreed Monday progress had been made in talks on withdrawing foreign forces from Lebanon, but they said some problems remained.

In a day of talks described by both sides as intensive, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz sought to reconcile Israeli and Lebanese views, the officials said.

As his discussions with Israeli leaders continued into the night, doubts grew over Mr. Shultz's plan to leave Beirut early Tuesday with Israel's latest proposals. He arrived in the Middle East last week vowing to stay as long as needed to break a four-month deadlock in the talks on withdrawing 80,000 to 90,000 Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian fighters from Lebanon.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin told reporters after an hour-long meeting with Mr. Shultz, their fifth in a week: "I have to say, and I have expressed this opinion to the secretary, there are still outstanding problems which have to be discussed both in Jerusalem and in Beirut... the issues were clarified here."

Israeli and U.S. officials said in separate briefings that there had been progress and some issues had

moved towards agreement. Asked if progress was made on the key issue of the future status of Israel's Lebanese ally, militia leader Saad Haddad, the U.S. officials said it was still under discussion.

Mr. Shultz insisted on discussing the Haddad question only in the restricted forum of his meeting with Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Moshe Arens rather than in a large session that dealt with other issues.

Asked if Mr. Shultz put forward proposals of his own Monday, an American official replied: "He was obviously trying to reconcile differences between the Israelis and Lebanese and bring them closer together."

One Israeli official expressed concern that Syria might try to obstruct U.S.-Israeli-Lebanese talks on withdrawals and other issues that have been going on without success for four months.

He said he hoped Mr. Shultz would not bring Damascus into the negotiating picture until an

agreement is reached between Beirut and Israel.

'The Syrian connection'

An Israeli defence official told a briefing for American reporters that Syria might be linked to a rocket attack in Beirut Sunday in which two Soviet katyushas exploded near the U.S. ambassador's residence where Mr. Shultz was staying the night.

The official said the rockets were intended either to hit the residence or to narrowly miss it, serving to remind U.S. negotiators of the Syrian and Palestinian role in the withdrawal talks.

The rockets were fired during fighting between Christian and Druze militias.

The defence official said incidents such as last month's explosion at the U.S. embassy in Beirut and the assassination of Palestinian leader Issam Sartawi were "sponsored by the Syrians, working through some of the wide range of Palestinian and other groups in Lebanon with which they are allied."

He said he was not suggesting Syrian President Hafez Al Assad himself had ordered or approved the attacks.

But the trend of the evidence "leads us to believe that the Syrians had a connection," the official added.

Syria rejects Israeli demands

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad said Monday Syria would oppose Israeli "security" demands in Lebanon as these would affect its own security, the official Syrian News Agency (SANA) reported.

SANA said President Assad, who accused Israel of seeking to dominate Lebanon, set out his position during a two-hour meeting with visiting Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem.

Mr. Salem briefed the president on the state of negotiations between Lebanon, Israel and the United States on withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, SANA added.

Mr. Salem's one-day visit came as U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz pursued his shuttle mission with talks in Israel on the latest Lebanese proposals on securing the departure of Israeli, Syrian

and Palestinian forces. Syria has some 30,000 troops in northern and eastern Lebanon. The Syrian media have repeatedly said Damascus cannot withdraw its troops if Lebanon accedes to Israeli demands to keep a residual military presence in the south of the country.

According to SANA, President Assad said: "Syria will stand beside Lebanon and will oppose any gains which Israel is trying to achieve, for such gains would have a bearing on the security and independence of Lebanon as well as on the security of Syria."

He added that Israel was "trying to maintain full domination of Lebanon and deprive it of its sovereignty and freedom" despite assurances that it had no territorial ambitions in Lebanon.

Mr. Assad said: "With the sup-

port of Syria and the Arab World, Lebanon cannot impose Israeli withdrawal without any prejudice to its freedom and sovereignty."

Mr. Salem's visit, his first to Syria since he took office last year, was announced Sunday after Mr. Shultz had held some 15 hours of talks with Lebanese officials to pinpoint remaining differences between Lebanon and Israel in a draft agreement.

Lebanese officials say they have received a commitment in principle from the Syrians to pull out if the Israelis do so. They say Damascus has not yet presented any formal conditions.

Mr. Shultz said Sunday Syria, which is sharply critical of his shuttle mission and all U.S. policy in the Middle East, had agreed to receive him. But he said no date had been fixed.

Israel accuses Pentagon of holding back knowhow

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli defence officials Monday charged the United States was reneging on its promise to provide technology for Israel's Lavie (lion) warplane project.

The \$4 billion programme to build a new generation fighter, which is getting underway after years of heated debate, received a boost last month when the U.S. government approved the participation of American companies.

But an Israeli Defence Ministry spokesman told Reuters Monday the Pentagon was raising obstacles and had instructed American companies not to transfer some of the technology.

The decision to provide Israel with assistance came after Israel's new defence minister, Moshe Arens, agreed to share with the U.S. data gained during last summer's Lebanon war against Soviet-equipped Syrian forces.

The Lavie's builders, Israel Aircraft Industries, are particularly interested in U.S. technology on composites for the plane's wings and tail, and the flight control system.

The plane is expected to go into production by 1990 and will become the Israeli air force's main fighter, replacing U.S. Phantoms and Israel's own Kfir, which is based on the French Mirage.

Relatives identify two Israeli prisoners caught in Lebanon

VIENNA (R) — Relatives of two Israeli war prisoners unseen by outsiders since they were captured in Lebanon last September have identified the men from a videotape brought to Austria, a chancellery spokesman said Monday.

The film, handed over by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Damascus, was brought to Vienna by Austrian envoy Herbert Amry, and shown there to the relatives, the spokesman said.

He hoped it would help negotiations for an Israeli-Palestinian prisoner exchange in which Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky

has been acting as a mediator.

The PLO is offering to swap eight Israeli prisoners captured in Lebanon last year for 1,000 Palestinians in Israeli jails and more than 5,000 detainees held by Israel in southern Lebanon.

Six of the captured Israelis, held by the mainstream Fatah commando group, have been regularly visited by the Red Cross and interviewed by journalists. But no outsider was known to have seen the two others, said to be in the hands of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

Kuwait, Italy to strengthen cooperation

KUWAIT (R) — Italy and Kuwait agreed Monday to strengthen economic and cultural relations, according to a communiqué issued after Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo ended a visit to the Gulf state.

Italy will send an economic delegation to Kuwait to discuss details of closer cooperation, the statement said.

Mr. Colombo, on a three-nation Middle East tour, earlier had talks with the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah on the Iran-Iraq war and bilateral relations, officials said.

The communiqué said the two sides discussed the political situation in the Middle East, the Palestinian issue and Lebanon.

Mr. Colombo, who left here for Syria, Sunday met Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad and in talks with Iraqi officials called for an end to the 32-month-old Gulf war.

Mr. Colombo's tour of the region, despite the resignation of the Italian government Friday, comes less than a week after the first visit to Iran by an Italian minister since the 1979 Islamic revolution there. Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Bruno Cori led a delegation to Tehran.

Kuwait last month launched a fresh initiative, involving both Washington and Moscow, to end the Gulf war.



His Majesty King Hussein (born 1935) during ceremonies in connection with his assumption of constitutional powers on May 2, 1953 (Jordan Times archives photo)

Jordan marks anniversary of King's assumption of constitutional powers

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received on Monday, on the eve of the 30th anniversary of his assumption of constitutional powers, cables of congratulations from Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Tarawneh, National Consultative Council Speaker Suleiman Arar, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn

Shaker and the directors of Public Security Department, Civil Defence Directorate and General Intelligence.

Council of Arab Economic Unity Secretary-General Mahdi Al Ubaydi also sent a cable of congratulations to the King.

On Sunday, King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces, attended an army exercise performed by the Hussein Ibn Ali Brigade to mark

the occasion of the anniversary.

The military manoeuvres included various exercises involving live ammunition and a display of the latest weapons acquired by the brigade. The manoeuvres were also attended by Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid, Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Fathi Abu Taleb and a number of senior army officers. At the conclusion of the exercise, the King presented awards to those who excelled in their weaponry skills.

Iraq denies shelling Abadan

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq Monday denied it had shelled the Iranian oil city of Abadan at the head of the Gulf as Iranian military communiques had reported.

An Iraqi military spokesman said: "We, out of moral and humanitarian responsibility, categorically deny the shelling of Abadan city. What have been reported by enemy communiques are mere lies to cover up its (Iranian) crimes against Iraq and the Iranian peoples."

The Iranian national news agency said last Friday Abadan came under sporadic heavy weapons fire the previous day.

The Iraqi spokesman said: "We once again warn the Iranian regime of the consequences of shelling Iraqi cities and civil installations with long-range artillery

because our patience has limits and when we exhaust our patience the Iranian enemy knows the consequences before anyone else."

He said Iranian communiques daily mentioned the shelling of Abadan "trying to justify their shelling of Iraqi cities, towns and civil installations."

Japan offers fresh water to Gulf state

ABU DHABI (R) — Japan Monday offered to supply the United Arab Emirates (UAE) with fresh water if a massive oil slick from damaged Iranian wells shut down vital desalination plants in the country.

Japan and the UAE exchanged views on possible utilisation of oil tankers carrying crude to Japan as water carriers on their way back," Japanese Minister of International Trade and Industry Sadanori Yamanaka told reporters here before leaving for talks in Kuwait.

But he said cabinet approval would be needed.

Mr. Yamanaka, who has been having official talks with UAE Oil Minister Mana Saif Al Oteibi, said Sunday Japan was willing to help Gulf countries combat the slick threatening marine life and vital installations in the Gulf.

Japan is one of the UAE's biggest oil customers, taking 192 million barrels or 37 per cent of its oil exports in 1981, according to official Japanese figures.

U.S. senator calls for Syrian pullout

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania (R) — Senator Robert Kasten, saying an agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon was very close, has urged the U.S. to insist that Syria and the Palestinians pull out their forces at the same time.

The Wisconsin Republican, chairman of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, made the call at Sunday night's closing session of the National convention of the Zionist Organisation of America (ZOA).

"All of the focus has been on negotiations between Israel and Lebanon," Mr. Kasten said. "There has been a rather vague assumption that once Israel and Lebanon come to an agreement, Syria and the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) will immediately pull out. But we have no hard assurances to that effect."

"I assume that the administration is making it very clear not only to Syria, but to the Soviet Union, that with an agreement between Lebanon and Israel, we will expect a clear and quick response by Syria and the PLO. Otherwise there will be dire consequences for the area."

The U.S. had to show the Arab World that the Syrian military option would not work, he said.

"Therefore, in the name of Israeli security, Lebanese sovereignty, and American prestige, we will expect an immediate response," he said.

"And there are a number of us in Congress who will demand an immediate withdrawal from the Syrians," Mr. Kasten added.

Oslo scales down hunt for 'phantom' sub

OSLO (R) — Norway Monday scaled down its six-day hunt for a suspected submarine in a west coast fjord and one admiral said the navy was no longer sure one was ever there.

The navy still had orders to sink any such intruder trying to escape. Rear-Admiral Haskon Ellingsen told a news conference on the island of Stord.

But he said the suspected submarine, which has been hunted with missiles and depth-charges,

could now have escaped from the narrow 100-mile fjord on Norway's rugged west coast into the North Sea.

Adm. Roy Breivik told the Norwegian News Agency (NTB) in Oslo that the navy was no longer certain there had been a foreign submarine in the Hardanger fjord at all.

"It is highly unlikely that a submarine could have survived the intense attacks by our forces on Saturday and Sunday," he said.

Norwegian forces fired more than 20 anti-submarine missiles and dropped four depth charges during the weekend but they threw up no sign of an intruder. The missile bombardment took place in Skaanevik fjord, a small inlet at the mouth of the main strait.

The navy said it was pulling out a frigate, two corvettes and a divers' ship from the hunt, leaving a single frigate, two submarines and a surveillance aircraft on patrol.

U.S. upgrading air power in Far East

TOKYO (R) — The United States is upgrading its entire strategic air fleet in the Far East with newer B-52G planes capable of carrying nuclear-tipped missiles as well as nuclear bombs, military sources said Monday.

They said the development and deployment of the new U.S. strategic posture in the Pacific without encountering the sort of hostile public opinion that had greeted plans to deploy ground-launched cruise missiles in Western Europe.

A strategic air command spokesman on the Pacific island of Guam, the only place B-52s are deployed outside the continental United States, confirmed that missile-carrying "G" model planes would replace existing B-52Ds there over the next six months.

The military sources said the "D" model carried only free-falling nuclear bombs, while the "G" version could carry bombs as well as up to 20 short range attack missiles (SRAMs), each with a

warhead the size of that carried by a Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missile.

Although they said SRAMs are not cruise missiles, they do have many of their characteristics.

It has a much shorter range, however. Unlike the jet-powered missile which travels below the speed of sound, the SRAM is a two-stage rocket that moves at three times the speed of sound, making it more difficult to detect and attack.

Hussein sends message to Tunis

TUNIS (Petra) — Jordan's Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem arrived Monday here with a message from His Majesty King Hussein to Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba. The message dealt with current Arab affairs and latest developments in Arab and international arena, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, reported from Tunis.

The news agency quoted Mr. Qasem as saying that during his scheduled talks with Tunisian Foreign Minister Albaji Al Qa'id Al Sebsi and Arab League Secretary-General Chadi Khibi he will exchange views on matters of pan-Arab concern.

Mr. Qasem was met at Tunis airport by Mr. Sebsi, Mr. Khibi and Mr. Clovis Maksoud, Arab League representative to the United Nations and Jordan's ambassador to Tunisia.

Mubarak criticises opponents

CAIRO (R) — President Hosni Mubarak launched an unusual verbal attack on his political opponents in Egypt Sunday and urged leaders of other Arab countries to stop "anti-Egyptian propaganda."

His remarks at a May Day gathering were his first public criticism of Egypt's opposition parties and of Egyptian journalists abroad who oppose his policies.

"It is disgraceful and a grave sin to attack Egypt," he said. "It is against our traditions and morals."

However, he said he had no plans to act against the critics: "I am only warning them... they must give Egypt priority over their own interests."

He added: "I have asked several Arab countries to stop anti-Egyptian propaganda articles and most of them have responded favourably."

This may have been at least partly a reference to the serialisation in newspapers in some Arab countries of a book by Mohamed Heikal, a close aide of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser.

The book, "Autumn of Fury," deals with the childhood, rule and assassination of the late President Anwar Sadat.

Mr. Mubarak said journalists were attacking Egyptian policies "for the sake of earning a few thousand dollars... this is shameful."

He accused opposition parties of trying to profit from Egypt's economic woes but not having solutions.

He said the economic problems included food and housing but that a \$41-billion five-year plan which has already begun was tackling them.

Protesters threaten to delay new Portuguese government

OPORTO, Portugal (R) — Demonstrators Monday prevented voting for the second time in an Oporto parish, threatening to delay parliament's opening and the formation of the next government.

Local authorities said the demonstrators broke into the premises of Crestuma Parish Council where the original general election poll was postponed on April 25 when locals rioted in protest at the redrawing of parish boundaries they say favours the neighbouring parish.

The failure of Crestuma's 1,900 electorate to vote is holding up the election of one of Oporto's 38 deputies and parliament cannot be opened until all 250 deputies have been elected.

The authorities plan to have another go at balloting Crestuma on May 9, but the boycott could postpone the publication of the official election results without which a new prime minister cannot be named.

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HOME NEWS

Thompson displays bewildering array of subjects, styles

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Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — At first glance the work of John Thompson, now on show at the British Council in an exhibition entitled "Light Life" seems to consist of a bewildering array of subject matter and styles. Apparently disconnected, linked only by the fact that they are all found in Jordan, are studies of birds crafted with textbook precision, looser, freer sketches of birds' monochromatic grid and portraits that range from the humorous to the horrific. On closer study, however, the 31 paintings take on a surprising unity. Not only have they all been produced with painstaking care, with a technical virtuosity that only comes when an artist really knows his medium (in this case a mixture of gouash and watercolour), but more importantly they are not so

much paintings of many unrelated subjects but studies of the light, texture and patterns these subjects happen to create.

Take for example "Sunlight". Here the sun, pouring in through an unseen window and transparent curtain, casts the shadows of the latter's bold floral pattern, like a giant silkscreen, across the wall and door which in turn create their own shadows and depths. The intensity of the slanting light bleaches out the details so that, with a little help from blurred eyes, the painting becomes abstract — a rich pattern of soft, muted and translucent colours.

Thompson has used the same principle to portray the repeating grids of the small square windows set in the small square houses, so much a feature of Jordan's towns and villages. Sometimes he captures the lively twinkle of these windows as they dot the darkness of the night blue sky, at other times



John Thompson

he reflects their vacant torpidity as they stare out at the approaching and inevitable storm of dust. The vegetable market, the old bedouin's hatter, the darting fish in Aqaba's coral, the irises and the swallows have all provided Thompson with patterns, reflections, shadows and light which are ultimately his real source of inspiration. Thompson came to

Jordan in the autumn of 1981 to start the fine arts department at Yarmouk University, literally from scratch. Prior to that, he studied for three years in Manchester on a B.A. course and two years at the Central School of Art and Design in London studying for an M.A. There his area of specialisation was graphic illustration with a strong bias towards free-hand drawing and painting, as opposed to technical illustration. Whilst studying for the M.A. and for two years after, he was involved in the world of commercial art, illustrating anything from children's books to film posters. Although, he says, this was not financially rewarding, it was an education that no college could offer.

ART REVIEW

Working towards a deadline and within the confines of light, brief results in work that "lacks the feeling and expression associated with Fine Art" and with the recession looming, he came to Jordan.

It was only after a year, he says, that he started to feel settled and able to absorb the Jordanian environment; its colours, shapes, patterns, tones, light and moods. These he finds harsh but nevertheless attractive and very different to the cloudy skies in Britain and it is these that he has tried to represent in his present exhibition, especially in the landscapes. "Jordan has to 'grow' on you and the longer I stay the more motivated I feel to paint", he says honestly.

"Most of the contemporary Jordanian art I have seen does not relate to its traditional art, but then there is no reason why it should in such changing times, especially since many Jordanian artists go abroad to study." He says



One of the paintings by John Thompson currently on display at the British Council (Photo by Ziad Abu Iqbal)

answering a question about art in Jordan. He regrets that working at Yarmouk University he has not had the opportunity to meet many native artists, the majority of whom tend to live in Amman. This is particularly unfortunate as he maintains that his experience suggests that there is no greater education than to discuss openly with practising and experienced artists, the problems that are faced in the artists' work; and more so to day where such a large variety of art materials and media are made freely available, much of which he believes are used and abused. He also believes that the mature artist is his or her own best critic (assuming, he adds, that you are sincere in your work and not "suffering from an inflated ego") and

that it can "only be beneficial to look at the works of another artist and absorb the good points rather than shouting about the bad ones."

Thomson's previous experience has enabled him to paint the scenes of Jordan with a consummate and breathtaking skill, an ability that however at times renders his work a little cold. His best pieces, like "Night Watch" painted in a thousand shades of blue and the animal studies (the tortoises, geckos, fish and octopus, not forgetting Mensaf), though are not. They are paintings of pure delight full of life, sensitivity and bournour.

All the works are for sale, prices ranging from JD 25 to JD 200.

First B707 delivered to Arab Air Cargo

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Air Cargo Company Monday received its first Boeing 707 which will be used for the transportation of air cargo.

The plane is one of two which the Iraqi Airways and Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, had agreed to give to the company as part of its JD 20 million capital.

The company will receive the

second plane, from Alia in the near future, and the two planes will then begin flights on the Amman-Baghdad route.

The company was established in 1981 by Jordan and Iraq to strengthen cooperation between the two countries in the economic field. The company's statutes stipulate that any other Arab country is free to join the consortium.

Ubaydi takes office as new CAEU chief

AMMAN (Petra) — Mahdi Al Ubaydi assumed office Monday as secretary-general of the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU). Mr. Ubaydi was elected to the post during the 9th extraordinary session of the ministerial council of the states signatory to the Arab unity agreement. He succeeds Dr. Fakhri Kaddouri whose term of office ended April 30.

Prior to assuming his new post, Mr. Ubaydi was the under-secretary of the Iraqi Trade Ministry.

He is the fourth CAEU secretary-general. The first was Abdul Mun'im Al Banna of Egypt, he was succeeded by Abdul Al Saqqban from Iraq, followed by Fakhri Kaddouri also from Iraq.

Traffic Department seizes 56 licences in April

AMMAN (Petra) — During the month of April, the Traffic Department confiscated a total of 56 driving licences for periods ranging from one month to one year department officials said Monday.

Those who lost their licences had been involved in accidents which resulted in the death or serious injury of others. The spokesman added that the majority of the offenders had been drunk or driving carelessly at the time of the accident.

The Traffic Department appealed to citizens to drive carefully, to be alert and to avoid reckless driving.

It emphasised that if those whose licences had been seized were found driving during the period of suspension, then this period would either be extended, or their licences would be revoked for good.



An example of how living in the Middle East has changed the subject matter of the artist John Thompson, an exhibition of whose work may be viewed at the British Council (Photo by Ziad Abu Iqbal).

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HOME NEWS

Anani opens union offices

AMMAN (Petra) — Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani opened Sunday the new premises of the General Federation of the Jordanian Workers' Trade Unions (GFJTU) in Shmeisani.

Dr. Anani said at the opening ceremony that 1983 was a very important year for the labour market. The Arab labour conference had been held in Amman in March, and was one of the most successful of such conferences in tackling manpower issues and in making decisions on labour education, industrial safety, social security regulations, and supporting the workers of the occupied Arab ter-

ritories.

Dr. Anani added that a labour safety institute had also already been established in 1983 to familiarise people with industrial safety requirements.

There has also been a leap forward in vocational training as three vocational training institutes have been established in Amman, Zarqa and Irbid, the labour minister said.

Speaking about the new social security provisions, Dr. Anani said that the number of people included in the scheme has so far reached 165,000 and is expected to rise to 180,000 soon, he said.



Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani Sunday opens the new premises of the General Federation of the Jordanian Workers' Trade Union in Shmeisani (Petra photo)

Kilani signs water contract

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA) signed an agreement with the Turkish company Gama Monday to build a waste-water treatment plant at Khirbit Al Samra. The total cost of the project will be JD 16,250,000, including maintenance services to cover a period of thirty months.

AWSA Director-General Saleh Al Kilani told the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, that the project, which will include the establishment of the necessary buildings and the installation of the equipment at Ain Gbazal.

U of J to start festival

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan will hold its annual festival from May 3 to May 5, according to a university spokesman. The spokesman said that the three-day festival will include art exhibitions, sports events including judo, gymnastics, and athletics in addition to basketball

games, plays, lectures and short story and poetry competitions.

The university's orchestra will take part in the festivals in cooperation with the Armed Forces bands. Excelling groups will receive awards, the spokesman added.

King condoles Qusous family

AMMAN (Petra) — Amman Governor Yahya Al Mousili Monday depulised for His Majesty King Hussein in conveying his

condolences to the Qusous family on the death of Musa Salman Qusous.

Plans hatched to protect home agricultural markets

AMMAN (Petra) — The Agriculture Ministry is drawing up a monthly plan to regulate the export and import of vegetables and fruits so as to protect local markets for home produce of these goods, it was announced at the weekly session of the National Consultative Council Monday.

This move was revealed by the government in reply to a question about the exportation of locally produced agricultural goods. The NCC, which was chaired by First Deputy Speaker Kamal Al Dajani, referred to the Legal Committee a bill on passports intended to be issued as a provisional law. It also referred to the committee a bill amending the military service law for the Jordanian armed forces. The two bills had in turn been referred to the NCC by the government.

The NCC debated other government replies to questions submitted by its members and proposals referred back from the government to the NCC. Endorsing an NCC proposal to issue an income tax card to every taxpayer, the government said that the income tax law of 1982 was a "qualitative step in this con-

nection, because it was based on the method of self-assessment and involved the computerisation of the system."

The government said that taxpayers would be issued with cards bearing their names and numbers, a measure that would facilitate their dealings with the income tax department, but while retaining previous standards of confidentiality.

Replying to another NCC inquiry about rescheduling the debts of farmers in the southern Jordan Valley and exempting them from the interest due on outstanding

amounts, the government said that the Agricultural Credit Corporation (ACC) is now studying the conditions of the borrowers in view of the damage sustained as a result of the bad weather conditions in the area.

The necessary steps will be taken, the government assured, the NCC to help them, either by freezing the debts for next year or by increasing the duration of the loan.

The NCC approved the Financial and Administrative Committee's decision approving the bill on the ratification of the loan agreement between Jordan and the Islamic Development Bank to finance part of the Zarqa-Rusaifeh water and sewerage project for 1983.

The NCC also continued discussion of the bill on the customs law for 1983, and approved six articles of the said law.



Director-General of the Amman Water and Sewerage Authority Saleh Al Kilani (right) signs an agreement with the representative from the Turkish company Gama to build a waste-water treatment plant in Amman (Petra photo)

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Search for the right balance

THE meeting chaired by Prime Minister Mudar Badran on Wednesday to discuss industry in Jordan and its problems highlights the need to examine and review a regular basis our development process. Apart from the extraneous circumstances, this process is hampered not so much by lack of resources as by wasting some available resources; not so much by the slow pace of industrialisation as by paying little more than lip service to supporting the agriculture sector; and, perhaps most importantly, not so much by identifying our changing developmental needs as by our inaction to do anything about them.

We can most probably survive for long without resources as we have been doing for a number of years now, but we cannot for long ignore the fact that waste in existing resources has to be fought at all levels, all the time, in order to make our survival more healthy and meaningful.

We have to keep up the search for the right balance between industrialisation and agriculture. The road to supporting and constantly improving both sectors, without damaging social structures, the environment and others, is open-ended.

The single most important accomplishment for Jordan, however, remains a socio-political one: that of taking action to meet our changing needs once they are identified. Here, the task is particularly difficult. When the identification of a certain problem preceded detecting its effect on the country, it has not always been easy for us to prepare the ground to cope with the changing situation. If progress is sought, taking an approach that will take this into account is the only alternative to chaos at the last moment.

To go into details of how the socio-political climate can be readied for change is both long and complicated. But there is a problem here that has to be tackled, and Jordan needs to start talking at length about it as soon as possible.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Arabs must face responsibilities

IN an interview given by His Majesty King Hussein to Al Nahar Lebanese daily, the King clearly and courageously outlined Jordan's principled stand in relation to the central Arab cause, namely the Palestinian question. The King emphasised that Jordan will not usurp the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) position as the sole representative of the Palestinian people, and that Jordan will not partake in any negotiations for peace in the Middle East without a concrete accord with the PLO, endorsed by the Arab Nation.

The King clarified Jordan's attitude not only towards the Jordanian and Palestinian people but also to the United States, and the world in general. The King also named several points which should be taken into account by the common Arab effort. He stressed that by remaining in their present position, the Arabs will not be able to foil Israel's plans, and the annexationist schemes of Jordan's Zionist neighbour will be implemented without impediment. Moreover, the King warned against the danger of a possible internationalisation of the Middle East conflict, which would further complicate the issue. On the forthcoming Arab summit, the King warned that the convening of such a summit without sufficient preparation and a consensus on certain major issues would be counter productive.

In the light of the facts the King presented in his interview, it is obvious that only a pan-Arab, active stand can face up to the challenges of the present situation. The responsibility of all Arabs must now be to make the best of all opportunities for peace available. The U.S. should not be given the chance to claim in future that she was ready to work out a solution to the Palestinian question, but that it was the Palestinians who scuppered all such hopes by their actions.

Al Dustour: King reaffirms line

HIS Majesty King Hussein reiterated in his interview with Al Nahar, the Lebanese daily journal, Jordan's position vis-a-vis the Middle East process and the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship. He clearly and definitely ruled out any unilateral participation in any peace talks on the Palestinian question. The only possible way to move forward so as to serve the Arab cause is through a joint effort to be agreed upon by Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), which will then receive overall Arab support.

The King referred to the dangers of the continued construction of Israeli settlements, which have reached new peaks since President Reagan announced his initiative for the Middle East. When asked about President Reagan's initiative, the King pointed out that it had indeed included negative aspects as well as positive ones, but that it was the most courageous among all the peace proposals ever presented by the U.S. administrations. The Jordanian-Palestinian talks did in fact reach an advanced state of coordination, but the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) stopped short of actually signing an agreement that would become a basis for a joint effort to foil Israeli plans, and hence save the occupied territories and their people, the King said.

Sawt Al Shaab: Fresh efforts essential

JORDAN supports the Palestinians' rights and will never act as a substitute for the Palestinians, was the main plank of the interview given by His Majesty King Hussein to the Lebanese daily Al Nahar. The King also clarified that Jordan is committed not to participate in any peace negotiations unless their is a Palestinian input and a pan-Arab endorsement.

On peace prospects for the region, the King said that the Arab peace plan adopted by the last Arab summit, the Arabs around a specific target. It outlined the basic elements of a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East. The Jordanian-Palestinian talks aimed at finding a political framework within which to continue the relationship between the two peoples. They also considered the creation of an agreed mechanism for the combination of their joint potentials to face the Israeli annexationist plans. When an agreement on the issue was about to be reached, new obstacles impeded the path of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in its political drive to reach a joint effort with Jordan.

Syria plays important role in withdrawal talks

By Hugh Carnegie

DAMASCUS — As American Secretary of State George Shultz strives to secure the withdrawal of Israeli invasion forces from Lebanon, Syria bides its time, knowing well that it plays a decisive role in the matter.

Some 40,000 Soviet-equipped Syrian troops are stationed in Lebanon, with about 6,000 Palestinian fighters in areas under their control. They have been there since Syria sent its army to help end the Lebanese Civil War in 1976.

Most of them are stationed in the Bekaa Valley where they confront Israel's 30,000-strong occupying army which stormed across the border last June to oust Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) guerrillas from Lebanon.

All parties involved in Lebanon's U.S.-backed efforts to rid its territory of foreign forces accept that the first step is an agreement between Lebanon and Israel for an Israeli withdrawal.

The terms of any pact would be put to Damascus which would wield a virtual veto as Israel has made clear it will not withdraw without a corresponding Syrian pull-out.

Syria's crucial role led to speculation that Shultz, now engaged in what is expected to be a lengthy shuttle between Beirut and Jerusalem in pursuit of a pull-out agreement, would also travel to Damascus to see President Hafez Al Assad.

But American officials in the Syrian capital said he was unlikely to do so unless he had an Israeli-Lebanese deal, still not forthcoming after four months of U.S.-sponsored talks, to put to Assad's hardline government.

Damascus has said through its official media that it is prepared to withdraw its forces from Lebanon, but only on condition that there is a total Israeli withdrawal.

Western and non-aligned diplomats in Damascus agree that this undertaking is genuine, but they add that it hinges on a complete Israeli pull-out.

"Syria is quite rigid on this," said one. "They say total withdrawal and they mean it."

This appears to be the crux of the American difficulty in securing an all-party withdrawal as

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Israel is holding out for conditions tied to its pull-out which are not only unacceptable to Damascus, but to Lebanon as well.

Israel wants to leave military liaison officers attached to the Lebanese army in the south and to have joint Israeli-Lebanese patrols which it says are needed to ensure border security.

It also wants renegade Lebanese Major Saad Haddad, who leads an Israel-backed militia in

southern Lebanon, to be officially made local commander of the Lebanese army.

These have been publicly rejected by Lebanese ministers, and diplomats in Damascus say they would certainly be unacceptable to Syria. "In some ways the Lebanese position represents that of the Syrians as Beirut knows what Damascus will not stand for," commented one.

An added complication, diplomats say, is that although Syria is genuine in saying it will pull back its forces should a complete Israeli withdrawal be effected, that does not mean it actually wants to withdraw.

To remain if its conditions were met would mean risking unacceptable damage to Syria's international relations, especially its valuable economic and political ties with moderate Arab states such as Saudi Arabia, the diplomats say.

The diplomats judge that Syria

would be content to leave its troops in Lebanon and that Damascus reckons this is the likeliest outcome as it does not believe that Israel will withdraw.

They say failure to agree on withdrawal would suit Damascus because it could retain its weighty influence over Lebanon and continue to confront Israeli forces with its growing arsenal of modern Soviet weaponry.

Syria would thus regain the military prestige which was badly battered during the invasion last year when it lost 85 jets and key anti-aircraft positions.

At the same time a continued Syrian presence would scupper U.S. Middle East peace efforts which Damascus regards as pro-Israeli, anti-Palestinian and contrary to both its interests and those of its Moscow allies, the diplomats added.

Despite these difficulties, American officials including Shultz insist that agreement can be reached

and that progress can then be made on President Reagan's flagging Middle East peace plan announced last September.

The plan envisages Palestinian self-rule in the Israeli occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in association with Jordan, but so far it has been rejected by Israel and Syria, while the PLO has refused to accept it as a basis for peace.

Shultz's shuttle mission began against a background of growing tension between Israeli and Syrian forces in the Bekaa with at least two reported incidents of Syrian troops opening fire on Israelis who they said were advancing into unoccupied territory to build new fortifications.

But diplomats in Damascus say talk of renewed large scale fighting between the two sides is exaggerated.

They say there are likely to be isolated clashes but they doubt that either side had any interest in all-out attack.

British priest's involvement in anti-nuclear movement stirs controversy

By Stephen Powell

LONDON — The rapid growth of the anti-nuclear movement in Britain has thrust an unassuming Roman Catholic priest into the centre of fierce political controversy.

Monsignor Bruce Kent, 53, who believes it is his duty to be "restless in the face of injustice," is the head of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), the country's largest anti-nuclear group.

A general election is widely predicted this year and nuclear weapons are expected to be a major issue for the first time since Britain exploded an atomic bomb 31 years ago.

The opposition Labour party is pledged to scrap Britain's nuclear arsenal while the ruling Conservatives say they would strengthen it.

With the nuclear arms issues now firmly established at the centre of British politics, Monsignor

Kent's position has become a sensitive matter for the Roman Catholic Church.

This week cardinal Basil Hume, leader of Catholics in England and Wales, expressed misgivings about the Monsignor's role and indicated he might order him out of his CND post.

Debate on nuclear weapons is growing more and more heated, with the Conservatives and CND exchanging insults almost daily.

The controversy over Monsignor Kent broke with the publication of a statement by Cardinal Hume that if the CND became more political "it would be difficult for a priest to hold responsible office in the direction of the movement."

Since Monsignor Kent took up his full-time CND job in 1981, the organisation has changed beyond recognition.

Then it was a tiny group of about 3,000 members, looking back with nostalgia to the early 1960s when it was stronger and snatched the headlines.

But today CND is stronger than

ever, with about 250,000 supporters throughout the country and a paid-up membership of 60,000.

More than 100,000 people joined in CND Easter demonstrations which focused public attention on CND and its leader.

Monsignor Kent appeared on television taking part in a blockade of a top-secret nuclear weapons factory at Burghfield, West of London.

After the Easter rallies, some outraged Catholics deluged Cardinal Hume with mail, suggesting that the Monsignor would be better employed if he returned to his London parish.

The Cardinal's statement on Monsignor Kent, drafted as a reply to these letters, opened the gates to a flood of public comments on the priest and nuclear weapons, especially from the Right.

One Conservative member of Parliament, Michael Brotherton, said: "For some one with such a senior title as Monsignor to be doing as Bruce Kent does, the

work of the Kremlin, which is an organisation that is patently anti-Christ, is to me totally repugnant."

A former Attorney-General, Lord Rawlinson, said that to have a priest in this position was a grave scandal.

There were press reports that the Conservative government and even Pope John Paul were putting pressure on the Cardinal to order Monsignor Kent out of nuclear politics.

Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine swiftly denied this, saying he had never raised the matter with Cardinal Hume. The Cardinal himself dismissed one report

that he was acting on instructions from Pope John Paul.

The row over Monsignor Kent quickly became a slanging match between CND and prominent Conservatives on the question of Leftist influence in the CND movement.

The priest accused "vicious Right-wing bodies" of conducting a smear campaign against CND to try to link it with the Kremlin.

The harsh polemics of the nuclear debate are something he is now coming to terms with, but he has not been immersed in the anti-nuclear movement since its beginnings.

He has recalled how as an ap-

litical young priest he used to watch the ban-the-bomb marchers from the steps of his London church and shake his head at the futility of their actions.

He did a stint in the army, in the days when Britain still had conscription. From 1947 to 1949 he served as a second lieutenant in the Sixth Royal Tank Regiment.

He went on to train in law at Oxford University and was ordained a priest in 1958. He joined CND in the mid-1960s, several years after its formation.

Today he gives out an almost aloof determination to get on with the job as he sees it -- banning the bomb.

Astronaut may land in White House

By David Nagy

NEW CONCORD, Ohio — Twenty-one years ago last February, astronaut John Glenn blasted off on a historic space flight that may yet land him in the White House. With his formal entry into the 1984 presidential contest

Glenn, now 61 and a Democratic Senator from Ohio, has added a dash of star quality to the race for the Democratic Party's nomination.

He enjoys the advantages of a famous face, a heroic background in the space programme and as a combat pilot, and a limited reputation as a hard-working, middle-of-the-road Senator. Yet his declaration, before an enthusiastic partisan crowd at the John Glenn high school in New Concord, also raises a question likely to dog him until the primary election season opens next February.

In the parlance of his own fraternity of test pilots and astronauts, it is whether John Glenn has "the right stuff" to galvanise voters and become president of the United States.

He was assured of close scrutiny on that score when Senator Edward Kennedy withdrew from the Democratic race last December and left two contenders pre-eminent in the field -- former Vice President Walter Mondale as the front-runner and Glenn as his best-known rival.

Mondale, with a two-to-one advantage among Democrats over

Glenn, is a familiar political figure to the public. Other contenders, such as Senators Gary Hart of Colorado and Alan Cranston of California, are little known nationally. They have room for manoeuvre and time to build standing.

But Glenn is a mixture, revered as a public idol and yet relatively obscure as a political leader. He will come under extra pressure to live up to the public's expectations. Glenn entered the history books on Feb. 20, 1962, when he became the first American to orbit the earth, an event which provoked emotional celebrations as proof that the United States was finally "catching up with the Russians" in space.

Millions turned out to see the freckle-faced marine colonel with the dazzling smile pass in parades, and people wept with pride when he addressed a joint session of Congress. In the outpouring of publicity, Americans learned that he had been a heavily-decorated combat flier in World War II and Korea, and a crack test pilot of supersonic jets as well.

Stood out

He also stood out from the other original astronauts, who tended to be men of few words, by being gregarious and wholesome, delighting to discuss his religious beliefs, the teaching of Presbyterians Sunday school, his close-knit family and above all his deep patriotism. The image, although perfect for a space hero, may not serve so well in a political

struggle where style, flair and an ability to generate excitement count heavily.

After retiring from the space programme, he twice failed to gain a Senate seat from Ohio before winning election in 1974. He muffed a golden publicity opportunity as keynote speaker at the 1976 Democratic convention, delivering a talk so boring that delegates milled about and left the hall.

Taking that fiasco to heart, he has worked hard to polish his delivery, project his warm personality and give crisper outlines of where he stands on the issues. Political professionals credit him with some impressive performances at recent party gatherings around the country.

In his politics, Glenn is far more centrist on economic, social and defence issues than his leading Democratic rivals. Although not nearly so conservative as Republican President Reagan, he is more sceptical of domestic spending programmes than most of the liberal Democrats in the field. His top interests, however, are defence policy and foreign affairs. He sits on the Senate foreign relations committee.

Glenn favours a strong U.S. defence but supports the view that Reagan is going overboard. He opposes funding for MX missile production and for the rapid deployment force, but backed development of the neutron bomb and the sales of advanced warplanes to Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

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Ismaili leader talks of extent to which Islam is misunderstood in the West

Islam seeks to heal divisions, says Aga Khan

TORONTO — The Aga Khan, currently on a 10-day visit to Canada, spoke in Toronto last Wednesday at a dinner attended by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Hon. John Black Aird, and the premier of Ontario, the Hon. William G. Davis, of the extent to which Islam is often misunderstood in the West.

The general public, he said, is often presented by the media with a facile and distorted image of a block of 900 million people spread over Asia, the Middle East and Africa, where national disputes and upheavals are often interpreted as part of their religion.

When such social and political upheavals occur in the world, affecting Muslims, the Aga Khan said, the Western world becomes abruptly exposed to issues which have often existed for a long time, but of which it may have been unaware previously.

Little research
There is often little or no time

for the Western news agencies to research the background, with the result that names and issues are projected into the public consciousness by accident, or as the result of crisis," he said.

Prior to the Iranian revolution, the Aga Khan said that the word 'Shia' was largely unknown to the general public in the West. "Now in the absence of informed reporting, Shia Islam is being presented as exclusively and unilaterally the faith of that revolution," he said, pointing out that there are, in fact, far more Shia outside Iran than within that country.

"Political and social acts committed in the framework of the Iranian revolution have been presented as an integral part of the beliefs of Shia Islam worldwide, rather than as the outcome of complex national and political forces interacting internally," he said.

"What is vital if the West is not to misunderstand Islam, to the detriment of both, is to realise that the political forces in Muslim countries are no more a part of the faith of the silent majority of 900 million people than the IRA (Irish Republican Army) is of the Catholic church in Ireland," the Aga Khan said. "On the contrary it is my deepest conviction that the silent majority of the Islamic World seeks to heal divisions between sects and doctrines, not to exacerbate them, and hold high the basic tenets of Islam, including the brotherhood of man and the appreciation of the wonder of God's creation."

Not monolithic

The Aga Khan emphasised that Islam is no more monolithic a religion than Christianity. As a faith revealed 1400 years ago and practised by so large a following, it must, he said, have undergone many historical changes and cultural evolutions, as has Christianity. He suggested that academic institutions, such as research centres and universities, might establish a continuing relationship with the media, to assist and advise editors and foreign commentators in evaluating and presenting, in an authoritative manner, the news reaching them.

The Aga Khan, who met Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in Ottawa last week, is visiting Canada to mark the silver jubilee of his accession to the Imamate of the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims. He also visited Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal, and Hamilton, where he met government, civic and business leaders.

Earlier in the day on Wednesday, speaking to an audience representing government, international aid agencies, academic institutions, business and the media, he called on the industrialised world to give the Third World increasing access to its know-how and to make available increasing material support.

"If the industrialised world does not do this in the relatively near future, but builds barriers to protect itself against any recurrence of economic crises, then the world recession will do even more damage than it has already done to Third World economies," he said.

Speaking of international aid programmes and the gap between the rural and urban areas in the developing world, the Aga Khan said that too many of these programmes have been capital-intensive and geared to the type of Western urbanised economies with which the donor countries are familiar.

Rural resilience

"Programmes which would make rural people more productive have all too often been pushed into the background," he said. "Yet consider the nature of ordinary rural dwellers. They are extraordinarily resilient and — like most Third World people — possess remarkable determination to improve their circumstances."

It is necessary, therefore, said the Aga Khan, to stimulate a personal adaptability which does not feature often enough in the terminology of many Western planners.

The Aga Khan said that he had discovered a new sense of pragmatism and a new realism and openness in the discussion of economic problems in countries of Asia and Africa. There was, he said, a recognition of the capabilities of the private sector, which, in the past had often been considered politically unacceptable and that his recognition was extending into the sphere of social institutions. "More and more countries are questioning why it was ever necessary to nationalise competent private schools and medical facilities," he said.

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Right direction

"It is better than it's ever been, and it's going in the right direction," says David Sudd, executive director of the National Association of Arab-Americans (NAAA), a Washington-based lobbying group. "There is a growing inclination for policy makers to listen; there is a growing ability to get our message to the media; there is a growing ability to support politicians financially."

Richard Cohen, spokesman for the conference of Presidents of major American Jewish Organisations, says, "I think the Arab-American community is showing increasing cohesion and strength and is getting its act together in a really effective way. It is more politically active than ever."

Just how strong the Arab-American groups have become and just how much — if any — support for Israel has been eroded is unclear. Despite the Lebanon invasion and Arab-American efforts, Congress in December approved the largest aid package ever to Israel, totalling almost \$2.5 billion for fiscal year 1983.

In addition, a January Gallup poll indicates that American support for Israel has rebounded to pre-invasion levels.

According to a booklet printed in January by the Jewish Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, "a sophisticated, well-coordinated campaign was launched by American-Arab groups



The Aga Khan: Healing divisions between sects and doctrines

Arab-Americans challenge Jews in battle for U.S. public opinion



Israel's invasion of Lebanon, seen close-up on American television, began to erode public support for Israel (photo: UNRWA)

By Warren Richey

An ocean away from war-torn Lebanon, a battle sparked in part by the Israeli invasion last summer continues unabated throughout the United States.

It's a battle for public opinion in the United States, and it's being waged by about 30 increasingly sophisticated Arab-American organisations. Their opponents, a well-entrenched group of about 300 Jewish-American organisations.

Though they rarely meet head-to-head in public forums, Arab-American and Jewish-American groups are competing indirectly on college campuses, on radio and television programmes, in newspapers, in advertisements, and through various public-relations campaigns. They are trying to convince a largely uninterested American public of the righteousness of their cause, or — on occasion — the unrighteousness of their opponents' cause.

Last summer, with the war in Lebanon featured nightly on U.S. television news programmes, Jewish-American leaders were deeply concerned that such close-up views of the invasion and the Israeli siege of Beirut might sway American public opinion toward the Arabs. Opinion polls taken at the time indicated a noticeable erosion of support for Israel.

Jewish-American leaders weren't the only ones watching the polls. The leaders of Arab-American groups saw an opportunity to present the Arab cause to an American public more sceptical about the Israeli government, though still decidedly pro-Israel.

And for the first time, the largest component of the more than two million-strong Arab-American community — Americans of Lebanese descent — was

being personally touched by events in the Arab-Israeli conflict, Lebanese Americans, who in the past have generally shunned involvement in Arab causes, began donating money and supporting Arab-American organisations, according to Arab-American leaders.

Overreaction

Some Arab-American leaders contend the Anti-Defamation League's book is an overreaction to a perceived threat. "They have had the field to themselves for so long that they are afraid of smaller groups with a different view," says Khalil Jahshan, director of the Association of Arab-American University graduates.

Mr. Sudd of the NAAA says the strongest force currently helping to undermine Israel's image in the U.S. is Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his policies, which have angered U.S. officials.

"It hasn't taken us to wage a propaganda campaign. Begin is waging his own, and we are sitting here, frankly, taking advantage of it," he says.

Mr. Jahshan says there has been "a definite erosion of Israel's image in the U.S.," but he adds, "we are not naive enough to take credit for that."

He says that as a result of the Lebanon invasion, more Americans are questioning U.S. relations with Israel.

Sudd says, "we don't have to be as strong as the Jewish community. They are arguing for basically preferential treatment of Israel, we are simply arguing for fair treatment for everyone over there."

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SPORTS

McEnroe beats Lendl for WCT title

DALLAS (R) — An ill-tempered John McEnroe Sunday won the World Championship Tennis (WCT) finals tournament for a record third time, controlling the net to overcome top-seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia in a thrilling final by 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 7-6 (7-0).

The 24-year-old New Yorker, notorious for his angry outbursts, disputed almost every close call and hurled his racket away in disgust three times, once the length of the court.

But in between tantrums he ground down Lendl with a powerful service game that earned him 20 aces and by consistently coming to the net and forcing the 23-year-old Czechoslovak to try to beat him with passing shots for lob.

McEnroe, who earned \$150,000 for his victory, had previously won the title in 1979 and 1981. He had shared honours for the record number of wins with Ken Rosewall and Jimmy Connors, who have each won the event twice.

McEnroe clinched his victory in the second tie-breaker of the final, breaking Lendl's serve four times. The end came after an exciting exchange of cross-court shots that became more and more angled, with McEnroe having the last word.

Television replays showed that McEnroe's winning shot in fact passed between the net post and the net and should have been called in favour of Lendl.

But British umpire Mark Cox

ruled in favour of McEnroe, and the New Yorker hurled his new graphite racket once more, this time high into the air in ecstasy.

Questions put to McEnroe at a press conference after the match focused on his behaviour. He remained unrepentant.

Asked if he thought he should have been penalised, he replied: "I don't think there's anything wrong with throwing a racket unless it hits or endangers someone."

McEnroe also disagreed that he should have been penalised for using bad language. Asked why he argued over literally dozens of calls, he responded: "It bothers me when officials make mistakes."

McEnroe had struck quickly in the opening set, breaking Lendl's service to lead 3-1 and again at 5-2.

Lendl struck back at the start of the second set, forcing service breaks in the first and third games to go 3-0 up as the match turned into a battle between McEnroe's net play and Lendl's passing shots and lob.

McEnroe retrieved one break to close up to 3-1 but lost the set as the following games went with serve.

The third set began in similar fashion, with Lendl breaking serve twice to go 3-0 ahead. But this time he eased up and McEnroe pounced, running away with the next six games for the set as his Czechoslovak opponent's first serve began to go awry.

Lendl stopped the rot at the start of the fourth set, which went

with serve until the sixth game. McEnroe hurled his racket at the scoreboard when he lost his service to go 4-2 down, but in the next game he took Lendl's serve to love.

At 6-6 the set went into a tie-breaker which Lendl won 7-5 with a serve that his rival overhit beyond the baseline.

McEnroe, who had been booed previously by a crowd getting weary with his tantrums, howled in disgust as he hurled his racket after the ball -- it landed at the far end of the court.

The two players held serve throughout the final set, although McEnroe gained a championship point at 5-4 and 30-40. Lendl staved off the defeat with a forehand volley but the reprieve was only temporary as McEnroe totally dominated the tie-breaker, not allowing his opponent a point.

Lendl told reporters he was disappointed both with losing and with the way the umpire handled the match.

"I've never seen somebody arguing that much and throwing the

racket and hitting the balls all over the place and getting just one warning in the whole match," he complained.

McEnroe's lone warning came at 5-5 in the second set when he fell 0-30 behind to a backhand crosscourt by Lendl that he felt should have been called out. After listening to McEnroe's trade, the umpire gave him 15 seconds to continue or face a penalty.

Asked what he could do to keep his concentration from being upset by McEnroe's behaviour, Lendl replied: "I can't prepare for it. I try not to notice, but it's hard."

He also felt he had been the victim of some bad calls, particularly by a woman baseline judge who gave three dubious calls against him in quick succession before being replaced.

Lendl said McEnroe deserved to win the decisive tie-breaker, but he was annoyed with himself for losing six successive games in the third set.

"There was no way he should have come even close to winning that set," said Lendl, who received a consolation prize of \$50,000.

Liverpool loses fourth successive League match

LONDON (R) — English League Champions Liverpool are clearly not enjoying going through the motions of completing a season in which they have made all their rivals look like also rans.

They lost their fourth successive League match when they were beaten 1-0 at Nottingham Forest Monday, but still head the first division by 13 points.

Peter Davenport, once rejected by Liverpool's Merseyside neighbours Everton, scored the only goal in the 76th minute when he dispossessed Scottish international Graeme Souness and went on to beat goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar.

Second-placed Watford fared a little better at Sunderland, England striker Luther Blissett scoring his second goal of the match in the 88th minute to earn them a 2-2 draw.

Football Association (F.A.) Cup finalists Manchester United endured a nightmare afternoon at Arsenal. The London club went

some way towards avenging their F.A. Cup semifinal defeat by United by winning 3-0 and their opponents had both midfielder Remi Moses and manager Ron Atkinson sent off in the final few minutes of an ill-tempered game.

Moses' dismissal will cost him a place in the Cup final against Brighton on May 21.

He was sent off by referee Eric Read for hitting Peter Nicholas as old grudges between the two teams surfaced following two late goals by Brian Talbot.

In the uproar that followed, Atkinson was ordered away from the bench by head for protesting at a decision which gives Moses an automatic two-match ban for violent conduct, starting in 14 days.

Brighton, who will also be without a key player in the Cup final after centre half Steve Foster earned an automatic suspension for being booked on Saturday, salvaged a point in a 1-1 draw at Birmingham.

But while Birmingham were edging ever nearer safety, Brighton look doomed to second division football next season.

Coventry, one of seven clubs involved in the relegation struggle, lost to a Graeme Sharp penalty at Everton and have now gone 13 games without a win.

Second division leaders Queen's Park Rangers, already assured of promotion, dealt neighbours Fulham's hopes of accompanying them into the top flight another telling blow by winning 3-1. Their marksmen were John Gregory, Simon Stainrod and Tony Sealey.

TENNIS TALK

Choose your partner wisely

By Maureen Stalla

THE MOST important factor in developing a good doubles team is selecting the people who will play together. It is common knowledge that good singles players are not necessarily good doubles players; so you cannot automatically team up the number one and two players for the number one doubles team. There are several factors to consider in deciding who will play together. First, the partners must be able to get along with each other on and off the court. They must not be the types who will criticise each other, by words, or by disgusted looks. They must like each other. Some teams communicate verbally by calling for shots, letting a partner know when a lob is about to be put up, shouting a partner off a ball that is going out, discussing strategy, and reassuring each other. Other teams who have played together for many years have developed non-verbal communications, consisting of looks, gestures and shotmaking. Doubles is literally and figuratively a team effort. Without cooperative effort and understanding a team has little chance of success, even if both players are talented.

A second consideration in choosing partners is style of play. Doubles partners must have games that complement each other. It is usually a good idea to put a power player with a steady hitter. With this combination, one player can take the aggressive role and the other can make sure that the team keeps the ball in play long enough to have the chance to win the point. If two big hitters are put together they are often an erratic team. When two retrievers are together, they have trouble putting the opponent away. They end up on the baseline waiting for the opponent to make errors. In doubles, the odds at winning with this style of play are less than in singles.

It is imperative that each partner understands his role as part of the doubles team. The steady player must realise that his partner will take more chances, hit more winners, and make more errors. The aggressive player must be disciplined enough to know when to go for big shots and patient enough to let his partner set him up for a winner.

There are a few players who have the ability to be aggressive or to be consistent, depending on the partner's style of play. That player is the one to have on your team!

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China through to two world table tennis finals

TOKYO (R) — China won through to the finals of both the men's and women's team events in the 37th World Table Tennis Championships here Monday.

The Chinese men, unbeaten in nine matches so far, take on Sweden in their final in the Olympic pool stadium while the women clash with host nation Japan.

The Chinese men swept aside Hungary, one of Europe's strongest teams, 5-0. The women swamped the Soviet Union 3-0. Their Hungarian and Soviet opponents mustered only two games between them.

China won all seven titles at the last World Championships in Yugoslavia two years ago and look set to repeat the feat here.

"Of course, we would like to keep the titles, but it depends on our performance and the other teams," chief Chinese coach Li Fureng told reporters.

Sweden whipped England 5-0 to reach the men's final while

Japan lost the doubles before getting through to the women's final with a 3-1 victory over South Korea.

Li, the Chinese coach, said: "The Hungarians were not used to our serves and speed, but we are learning from the European teams also."

Sweden's new star Jan-Ove Waldner, 17, beat fellow teenager Carl Preen of England 26-24, 21-16, overcoming his 15-year-old opponent after stubborn resistance in the first game.

Asked if he was worried about Waldner, Li said: "Our players have met Waldner before. He is a very promising player. But we will be watching not only Waldner in tomorrow's match."

"We are learning much from the European teams here. I think that through meeting together and playing together we can extend our techniques and skill."

China beat Sweden 5-0 in the preliminary rounds of the com-

petition but the Swedes fielded a below-strength team at that occasion with European Champion Mikael Appelgren among their absentees.

England's top player, Desmond Douglas, won the first game against Appelgren in Monday's second semifinal but eventually succumbed 14-21, 21-14, 21-16. He was later well beaten by another Swedish teenager, Erik Lindh.

In the women's section, China had little trouble disposing of the Soviet Union although World Champion Tong Ling dropped one game against top Soviet player Valentina Popova.

Japan had a tougher time against hard-fighting North Korea before taking their place in the final for the first time since they won the women's team title in 1971 on home soil in Nagoya.

Japanese team manager Hiraku Tanaka attributed the victory to national champion Emiko Kanda, 23, who won both her matches. Pakistan boycotted their match with Israel. A Pakistan official said this was in line with his country's long-stated policy against playing sport against the Israelis.

North Korea defeated arch-adversaries South Korea 5-1 in a men's match in which rival fans chanted at each other across the floor of Tokyo's indoor Olympic pool stadium.

The only South Korean to win a game was Kim Wan, who had taken a game off the all-conquering Chinese earlier.

Tambay drives Ferrari to victory

IMOLA, Italy (R) — Patrick Tambay of France gave Ferrari their first victory of the season in Sunday's San Marino Formula One Grand Prix, again dominated by turbo-powered cars.

But the turbos, which filled the first three places here, and the first four in the French Grand Prix last month, should face a tougher test on the slow, twisting Monte Carlo circuit in the Monaco Grand Prix in two weeks.

The only threat to Tambay in the 60-lap race came from the Brabham of Italian Riccardo Patrese.

He seemed to have the race in the bag when he crashed off the track on the 55th lap, just after taking the lead.

Patrese, who has not won a point yet this season, blamed himself entirely for the accident. "I misjudged the bend, hit some gravel and ended up on the grass," he said.

Tambay's victory was the 85th in Formula One racing for the Ferrari team and his second.

It took him on to 14 points in the championship table after four races, one behind leaders Alain Prost of France and Brazilian Nelson Piquet.

Prost followed his French Grand Prix victory last month by finishing second Sunday in his turbo Renault. But his drive was lacklustre and he never threatened the leaders.

Piquet had a miserable race, stalling on the start line and finally having to drop out with engine trouble.

World Champion Keke Ros-

berg of Finland, who was fourth in his Williams, summed up the dejection of the non-turbo drivers.

The race saw a series of rapid pit stops for tyre changes and fuel, with times ranging from the 11 seconds Piquet's Brabham team took to the 24.2 seconds for Maurizio Badini in his turbo Alfa Romeo.

The tactic, which allows cars to start lighter with half-filled tanks, seems certain to become a permanent feature of this season's championship.

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Iran, Libya support OPEC price accord

BAHRAIN (R) — Iran and Libya, previously considered the weakest links in OPEC's price structure, are buttressing a new accord by refusing to give discounts, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said Monday.

Nicosia-based MEES said the two members of OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) had been seemingly steadfast in obeying new prices agreed at crisis talks in London in March.

OPEC agreed at the meeting to cut its reference price to \$29 a barrel and limit output to prevent a price war in the glutted market. Iran and Libya had helped plunge OPEC into crisis by discounting to grab more of the market.

MEES said Iranian production was holding up reasonably well despite its adherence to official prices.

It quoted official Iranian sources as saying April output was about 2.1 million barrels daily compared with an OPEC quota of 2.4 million.

Libya's main customers had dropped previous objections to paying the new prices and production had risen to around the country's quota of 1.1 million barrels daily, MEES said.

Meanwhile, Iran sold \$23 billion worth of oil in the year to March 20, according to Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi.

Dollar starts very firm in Frankfurt

FRANKFURT (R) — The dollar held firm at 2.4670 marks in early trading Monday equalling 12-week highs touched late last week as sentiment for the currency remained bullish.

The opening range was half a pfennig above late New York quotes Friday and 90 points above the previous close here.

Dealers said Sunday's clashes in Poland between Solidarity demonstrators and police lent extra support to the dollar.

Friday's reported \$2 billion drop in the U.S. M-1 money supply had failed to dampen the dollar's strength, they added.

Sterling started at 3.858 marks, slightly above Friday's late quotes of 3.838 marks, and held steady in quiet trading as the London market was closed for a Labour Day holiday.

Dealers said last week's meeting of finance ministers in Washington has left the market sceptical that the U.S. will intervene more strongly to curb dollar fluctuations.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said on Friday the American stance on intervention is unchanged and the United States will only act in the case of disorderly markets.

The Bundesbank was not detected intervening in the open market in early deals Monday but some dealers said they expect light dollar sales if the currency were to test 2.47 marks.

EEC financing proposals expected this week

BRUSSELS (R) — The European community's top officials, searching for ways to avoid financial collapse, were expected this week to propose raising extra cash by taxing energy imports and surplus farm produce, diplomats said.

The 14-member executive commission held a brain-storming session to discuss the crisis at a country house near Brussels two weeks ago. It will meet again Tuesday and Wednesday to complete detailed proposals for dealing with the emergency, mainly caused by massive subsidies to the community's eight million farmers.

The community faces a potentially embarrassing cash shortage as it is forced to buy surpluses from farmers unable to compete in a shrinking world market.

Officials say an extra \$2 billion would be needed this year on top of the \$14 billion already budgeted for farm spending.

The proposals which the commission hopes to unveil on Thursday were expected to include a claim to a higher share of the Value Added Tax (VAT) levied in the 10 member-states, diplomats said, as well as the energy and farm surplus taxes.

Share prices hit new high in Tokyo

TOKYO (R) — Share prices on the Tokyo stock exchange rose to record high Monday, stockbrokers said.

It was the fifth successive trading day on which a new record had been set and the market average passed the \$700 level for the first time to close 22.03 points higher at 8,704.39.

Share values on the Tokyo exchange, the world's largest after Wall Street, have been advancing on hopes that a global economic recovery is underway and will soon spread to Japan.

Steel industry shares firmed slightly but most attention was centred on large companies which are popular overseas because stockbrokers expect foreign investors to start buying in Tokyo later this week.

GATT says world trade relations deteriorated

GENEVA (R) — Relations among the world's trading nations deteriorated markedly in 1982 as international commerce shrunk,

the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) said Monday.

Complaints against unfair trade practices continued at high levels for a third year running, GATT said in a report, and member states were unable to settle long-running disputes over protecting their industries from foreign competition.

These strains showed in the "intensive, prolonged and arduous" discussions before and during the meeting of GATT trade ministers here last November, the first such gathering in nine years.

Considering that the volume of world commerce shrunk by two per cent last year compared with 1981, "it was only to be expected that trade relations would come under further strain in 1982," the

report said. "This proved to be the case."

GATT, an 89-state body which works out guidelines for free trade among its members, registered 12 major complaints against unfair trade practices last year, only one less than in 1981, it said.

Most of the disputes could not yet be settled, it indicated.

The member states' inability to agree on ways of limiting protectionist measures, another thorny issue last year as industrialised countries sought to fight off floods of cheap imports from the Third World, remained "a continuing and major concern of GATT," the report on GATT's 1982 activities said.

The ministerial meeting worked on defining acceptable protectionist measures, known in GATT as "safeguards," a priority for the organisation in 1983.

Other disputes included the

British-led suspension of most-favoured trade status for Argentina during the Falklands conflict and a similar step by Washington affecting Poland.

The report made no comment on these cases, which Buenos Aires and Warsaw complained were politically motivated.

The report reserved final judgment on the ministerial meeting, saying the significance of its final declaration, on which some countries had expressed reservations, could only become clear in the light of future developments in world trade.

But it said the declaration, in which members pledged to work within GATT guidelines, had laid out a useful programme for improving GATT's dispute settlement mechanism and defining rules for trade in food products and services.

U.S. deficit cut ranks 4th

NEW YORK (R) — Treasury Secretary Donald Regan says in a newly published interview that the budget deficit is the biggest threat to U.S. economic recovery but

cutting it is only fourth among the administration's priorities.

"The fiscal priorities of this administration are to cut domestic spending, to increase defence spending somewhat and to have no tax increases," Mr. Regan told the

magazine Newsweek.

"Under the president's scheme, our deficit next year would be \$30 billion to \$40 billion below this year and continue to decline after that. So deficit reduction ranks fourth in priority but it springs from the other three."

President Reagan said he has not yet decided whether to reappoint Mr. Paul Volcker when his current term expires in August.

Arabs to lose \$118b revenue

KUWAIT (R) — Arab oil exporting countries will lose \$118 billion in revenue because of the

world glut in 1982 and 1983, a report said Sunday.

The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) calculated that income of its 10 member states fell \$47 billion compared with 1981 last year because of lower exports, which would be about the same

level this year.

A \$5 barrel cut in prices would lop off a further \$24 billion from 1983 income. It said in a monthly bulletin.

OAPEC said Arab states should create local substitutes for imported goods and use every opportunity to strengthen cooperation with the developing world.

Asian oil hunt loses momentum

SINGAPORE (R) — The hectic pace of oil exploration is slackening in Asia and the Pacific after a record year in 1982.

Drilling was intense last year as the region was able to huck a worldwide trend thanks to relatively low production costs. Elsewhere exploration slowed as the world glut of oil hit companies' profits and cash flows.

But the slide in oil prices this year and uncertainty over their future have now curtailed oil searches in some Asian countries too, industry analysts said.

Last year the industry notched up a high level both of wildcat wells to test areas where oil has not previously been found and of development wells in proven fields.

"This year we're likely to see less concentration on wildcatting," said a regional economist with a major United States bank here.

But an energy analyst with another bank said the decline in exploration had not been too severe in the region.

It would be cut back heavily only if the oil price fell substantially below the \$29 a barrel benchmark of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

(OPEC), he added.

But while exploration overall is declining certain countries are maintaining their momentum.

Most notable is Indonesia, the region's major producer and the only East Asian member of OPEC.

According to one exploration manager, 99 rigs were active in Indonesia last month compared with 77 a year earlier.

The state oil company Pertamina signed 13 new production-sharing agreements with oil companies last year. Analysts said these committed the companies to expenditure that should sustain 1983's record drilling rate of 275 wells.

"Indonesia has great appeal for exploration companies," one said. "Tax incentives are okay there, its production sharing terms are among the world's best and drilling conditions are good."

By contrast, he said, Malaysia, the region's next leading producer, imposes what may be the stiffest conditions of any Asian country. "The fall in the oil price can't have done much for its appeal," he commented.

Analysts focus on China

Analysts said attention would

focus this year on China, where 33 foreign oil companies have applied to drill in the first round of a huge search for offshore oil. China is expected to start awarding exploration contracts in the next few months.

There had been some uncertainty whether the recent price fall would sap the oil companies' enthusiasm for hunting China's offshore crude because of the high cost and high risk, they added.

In contract talks before the price fell China had been reported in the industry to be adopting a hard-nosed posture. If maintained, this too could cool the companies' ardour.

But some analysts said recent remarks by Bank of China President Jin Dejun that expansion of oil production was a major economic priority suggested China would go all out to realise its dreams of offshore wealth.

Elsewhere, Australia is thought unlikely to repeat last year's record when more than 200 wells were sunk. Only 28 rigs were active there at the end of March compared with a monthly average of 35 last year, a situation due partly to uncertainties over the oil price and the failure of all last year's effort to make a major strike.

Analysts said general elections

India to invest \$2b

Another country whose exploration efforts this year could be worth watching is India, which aims to drill vigorously.

A finance ministry statement this month said India would keep striving for self-sufficiency. It planned to invest a record \$2.2 billion in oil exploration and production this year.

In the process it and other developing nations bidding to expand exploration will benefit immensely from huge reductions in costs which have followed the slump in drilling elsewhere.

Surplus equipment has been dumped on international markets from the U.S. and Europe, analysts said.

"In some cases the cost of rigs is down to about half their level at the height of the global drilling boom in 1981," said one.

For companies and countries with money to spend on exploration 1983 could be a good year to drill.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, MAY 3, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to focus more upon unconventional activities instead of relying so much on regular routines. You have a good chance to impress others now. Keep cheerful at all times.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A private affair can easily be solved now. Don't try to borrow from others at this time or you could get into trouble.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Contact a person who appears to be backward but actually is very clever and can help you solve an important problem.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A different attitude and perspective where your career is concerned brings fine results today. Think constructively.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take steps to get out of a rut and make your life more interesting. Make practical plans for the future.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Your hunches are fine so be sure to follow them and clear up any confused thinking you may have. Avoid a troublemaker.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Know better what is expected of you by associates and come to a better understanding. Be more diplomatic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) State your finest ideas to associates and gain their cooperation to put them across. Try to improve your environment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A good time to engage in a new amusement that will be enjoyable. Be careful of one who is hypocritical. Use that winning smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Do something nice for family members and gain increased affection. Take no chances with your fine reputation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You can now engage in new avenues of expression that will be more suited to your talents. Express happiness.

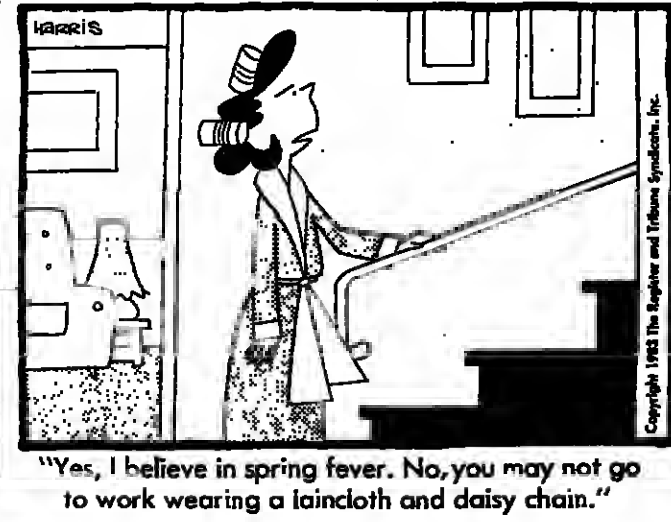
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A day to engage in activities that you didn't have time for recently. Cultivate new acquaintances and turn them into friends.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A sudden inspiration could solve a long-standing problem you have. Avoid one who is a troublemaker. Show that you have poise.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will have good ideas to express and should be encouraged from early in life. Give a good education in modern schools where your progeny can make rapid progress. Permit to take part in healthful sports.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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ROALF
SMIDOW
BEATED

WHAT THAT FILIBUSTERER IN THE SENATE WAS THROWING.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: HIS "OOOOO" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PLUME KAPOK IMPEDE SCHOOL
Answer: What the timid soul finally did when his bicycle wheel collapsed—"SPOKE" UP

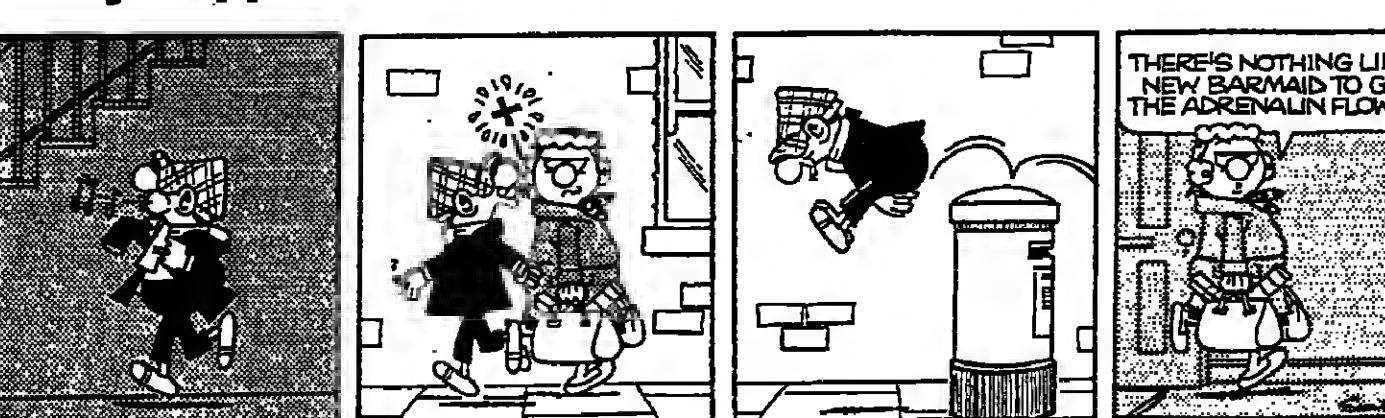
Peanuts



Mutt 'n' Jeff



Andy Capp

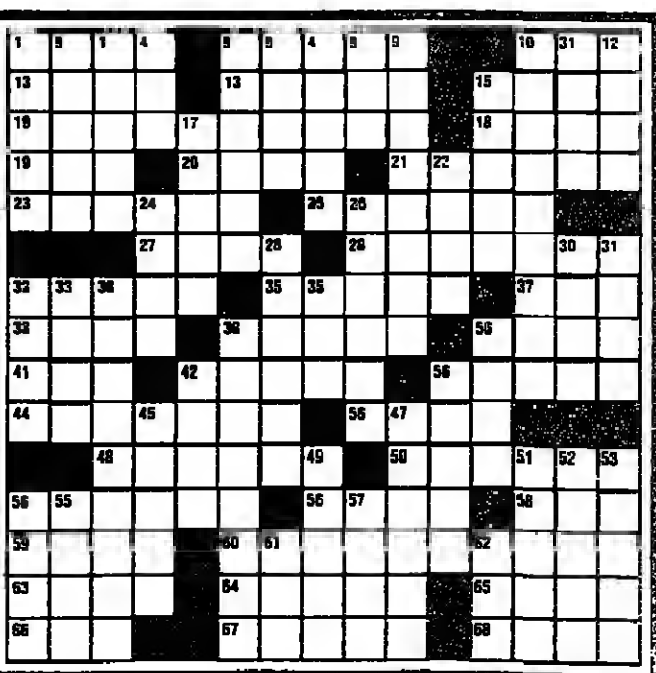


THE Daily Crossword By Martha J. De Witt

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20 Top-drawer
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40 Vogue
41 Digit
42 Beat
43 Whipped
44 Foes
46 Small drink
48 Woolly
50 Greek letters
54 Stretched, as one's neck
56 Car maintenance
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63 Fairy tale beginning
64 Remus or Sam
65 Finnish poem
66 Trouble
67 Manana maybe?
68 Eat like a rabbit
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3 Pegasus, for one
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32 Party
33 Kind of horse or hand
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36 Away from home, in Scotland
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42 Hop stam
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45 Personage
47 Highwayman
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WORLD

Pole reported dead in Nowa Huta

WARSAW (R) — One man died following violent street clashes in the southern steel-making city of Nowa Huta Sunday, a local newspaper reported Monday.

The paper said the man, named as Ryszard Smagura, was found unconscious in a street and died later.

The newspaper, Echo Krakowa published in the neighbouring city of Krakow, said Smagura died despite medical attention.

It said he was found unconscious on the pavement outside a restaurant at 5 p.m. Reliable sources in Nowa Huta said demonstrations involving up to 10,000

people continued in the area until 7 p.m.

It was the first fatal casualty reported during the clashes which erupted after police moved in to disperse demonstrations in the name of the banned Solidarity union in at least 20 towns and cities.

Police in Nowa Huta used tear gas, water cannon and baton charges to scatter demonstrators. State television carried film from the city Sunday night showing youths hurling stones at police.

Former Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, who endorsed the call for street protests, said the turnout

was way beyond what Solidarity had expected.

But one political analyst described them as political theatre and suggested they were unlikely to produce a radical change in approach by any of the main players in the complex Polish political scene.

State television said the turnout for the official marches supported the government view that most Poles respect the need for peace and hard work to pull the country out of its economic and social crisis.

But Mr. Walesa said of the protests: "They were great dem-

onstrations. Of course the police and Zomo (riot police) dispersed them. But so many people took part that it surprised our expectations."

As he spoke helmeted police outside his apartment swung long rubber truncheons at some of several hundred supporters in an housing estate where the Walesa family lives.

There was no immediate response to the May Day events from underground leaders, whose bulletins usually take several days to filter through to Western reporters.

Priest gets jail term for attacking Pope John Paul

VILA NOVA DE OURÉM, Portugal (R) — A Spanish priest who lugged at Pope John Paul II with a bayonet a year ago was sentenced Monday to six and a half years in jail.

Father Juan Fernandez Krohn, 33, was found guilty of having tried to murder the Pope at Fatima, one of the holiest shrines of the Roman Catholic Church, during the pontiff's visit to Portugal last May.

Pope John Paul II had gone on pilgrimage to Fatima to thank the Virgin Mary for saving his life when he was shot by Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca in

Rome a year earlier.

"Puppets, communists, murderers," the priest shouted at the judges as he was led away after sentencing.

Father Krohn belongs to an ultra-conservative order which rejects the authority of all Popes after Pius 12th.

"Only the mother of God can condemn me. I am morally innocent even if they find me guilty," the priest, wearing a green cassock, shouted when the judge entered the court.

The presiding judge said the priest would be expelled from Portugal after serving his sentence.

Jakarta turns down Nakasone's suggestion

JAKARTA (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone appears to have failed in an attempt to coax Indonesia to resume diplomatic ties with China, suspended by Jakarta after a communist coup attempt here.

A government spokesman said President Suharto bluntly told Mr. Nakasone during a meeting that Indonesia was not prepared to resume formal relations as long as China continued to aid underground communist movements in South East Asia.

Japan was thought to be eager to see the largest country, in Asia and the most powerful member of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) normalise relations to help contain a growing Soviet influence in the region.

Indonesia suspended relations in 1967 when it claimed that Peking had supported the coup attempt two years earlier.

The government spokesman, Cabinet Secretary General Sudharmono, said Sunday that Mr. Nakasone recently sent a special envoy to Peking to establish China's views, and he had been told that China was ready to resume relations with Indonesia.

Mr. Nakasone, who left for Bangkok Monday on the second leg of an 11-day tour of ASEAN nations, made only a passing remark Sunday about his discussion with Gen. Suharto.

The prime minister did not say he had sent an envoy to Peking, but told a news conference that the Chinese view "was nothing new" and that he had heard it before.

Three other ASEAN members — Thailand, Malaysia, and the Philippines — have full relations with China. Singapore has said it will not establish ties until Jakarta and Peking normalise their relations.

Japanese Ambassador Toshio Yamazaki told reporters before Mr. Nakasone arrived here that the prime minister would like to sound out Gen. Suharto on China.

No snap election

TOKYO (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone has apparently fought off calls for a snap election this summer and gained the reluctant agreement of influential political Kakuei Tanaka, political analysts said Monday.

Mr. Tanaka, a former prime minister and current leader of the largest faction in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), had called for a lower house poll to coincide with a scheduled election for half the upper house, most likely on June 26.

Political sources said Premier Nakasone told Mr. Tanaka before leaving on Saturday for an 11-day South East Asian tour he had decided not to go for simultaneous elections.

Other LDP faction leaders also opposed early elections and Mr. Tanaka, whose faction holds six seats in Mr. Nakasone's 20-man cabinet, reluctantly decided to fall into line to avoid being isolated, said analysts.

The analysts did not rule out the possibility of Mr. Nakasone calling an election later this year or early in 1984.

Hanoi announces major troop pullout amidst ASEAN doubts

BANGKOK (R) — Vietnam said Monday that some of its troops had begun withdrawing from Kampuchea and that a colourful farewell ceremony was held in Phnom Penh for the departing men.

The official Vietnam News Agency (VNA), monitored in Bangkok, said 40,000 people lined the streets of the Kampuchean capital and cheered wildly as they watched the departure of a military column led by "battle-scarred armoured vehicles."

Hanoi has said it would withdraw an infantry division and six brigades and regiments as part of a recent decision made by the three Indochina states — Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos.

An estimated 180,000 Vietnamese troops are in Kampuchea. They entered the country in 1979 to oust the Khmer Rouge

government from Phnom Penh and install the Heng Samrin administration.

The agency said the departing column was headed by a tank which led the "liberation forces" into Phnom Penh in 1979.

The column rumbled toward the Phnom Penh harbour from where it would be ferried down the Tonle Sap River to a new harbour in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon.

Kampuchean resistance forces and their supporters in non-Communist South East Asia had expressed scepticism over the Vietnamese troop withdrawal.

Officials from the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) said that a similar announcement last year ended in a mere rotation of forces.

Kampuchean resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk said in

a statement Monday that the Vietnamese announcement was aimed at deceiving world opinion.

Hun Sen, foreign minister of the Heng Samrin government, said earlier in a radio broadcast that Vietnam would withdraw troops every year, taking into consideration the security situation along the Thai-Kampuchean border.

"With goodwill from the Thai side, it would be possible for us to withdraw further Vietnamese troops in even larger numbers," he said.

Hun Sen said the withdrawal was made possible because of the improved security situation in Kampuchea and was a rebuff to "the slanders of the imperialists and Chinese expansionists who have accused Vietnam of occupying and colonising Kampuchea."

Differences over Indochina to surface during Mitterrand's talks in Peking

PEKING (R) — The conflict in Indochina looks like dominating political talks that French President Francois Mitterrand will hold in Peking this week with China's leaders.

Differences over the role of Soviet-backed Vietnam in the region recently brought a chill to Sino-French relations, and Mitterrand will be seeking to dispel what he believes are misunderstandings over French policy in South East Asia.

The French leader is due in Peking Tuesday for a three-day stay before leaving on Friday for quick visits to Xian, Nanjing and Shanghai. During the formal talks, he and his accompanying party of ministers are also expected to discuss sales of advanced technology to China.

A presidential spokesman said in Paris last week the two sides would make an "in-depth examination" of the question of possible sales of the Mirage 2000 advanced combat aircraft, which China has been seeking for several

years.

Mr. Mitterrand, who was in Nepal Monday for a 22-hour visit, will hold talks with Premier Zhao Ziyang, elder statesman Deng Xiaoping and Communist Party Secretary General Hu Yaobang.

Mr. Hu is due to breakfast with the president on Wednesday before leaving on a visit to Romania and Yugoslavia. He was the host when Mr. Mitterrand last visited China in February, 1981, as Socialist Party candidate for the presidency.

Mr. Hu and Mr. Deng both expressed concern then that a socialist government with backing from France's pro-Soviet Communist Party might take a soft line with Moscow on détente.

But Mr. Mitterrand has strongly opposed the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and the imposition of martial law in Poland, and he backed the Atlantic alliance decision to deploy U.S. cruise missiles in Western Europe. Last month France expelled 47 Soviet officials on spying charges.

Diplomats agree that the chief irritant in relations has been disagreement over Indochina.

Differences emerged last year when France agreed to reschedule Vietnam's debts and resume food aid to Hanoi, whose military occupation of Kampuchea in 1979 was bitterly opposed by Peking.

The row boiled over in March after remarks Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson was reported to have made during a South East Asian tour.

He was quoted as saying in Hanoi that, while France hoped Vietnam would eventually pull its troops out of Kampuchea, it did not want to see them withdrawn if this would mean a return to Phnom Penh of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge.

China, which supported Pol Pot while he was in power, last year encouraged the Khmer Rouge to join with non-communists in an anti-Vietnamese coalition led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, and has led an international campaign to win it backing.

Iranian communist leader 'confesses'

TEHRAN (R) — The secretary general of Iran's Tudeh (Communist) Party, Noureddin Kiaour, who was arrested with much of the party's leadership in February, has confessed on television to spying for the Soviet Union.

The Tudeh Party played an active role in the revolution which overthrew the Shah of Iran in 1979 and always declared support for the Islamic government in Tehran.

But according to a translation of the confession in Sunday's English-language Tehran Times, Mr. Kiaour said he had been in contact with Soviet agents since 1945.

"Our violations mainly consisted of the delivery of top secret military and political documents to our bosses at the Russian embassy," the newspaper quoted him

as saying. It did not say whether he gave any details of the documents.

No immediate comment on the statement was available from the Soviet embassy here, which was closed for the traditional May Day holiday.

During the confession, screened on state-run television Saturday night, Mr. Kiaour was shown sitting at a desk in front of a slogan reading: "America is worse than the English. The English are worse than America. The Soviets are worse than both."

The television also broadcast a half-hour confession by the editor of a Tudeh Party magazine, Mahmud Etemadadeh. Iran's national news agency IRNA quoted him as saying Marxism was at a dead end in Iran because of the people's support for Islam.

"Marxism has no place whs-

soever in Iran's political life any more," Mr. Etemadadeh said.

The confessions were broadcast a day after revolutionary guards announced the arrest of more members of the Tudeh Party.

The revolutionary guards said arms, ammunition, duplicating machines and forged documents belonging to the party had been seized, but did not say how many arrests had been made.

Mr. Kiaour said his first contacts with Soviet agents in 1945 had begun through an Iranian communist named Kambakshy, according to the translation in the Tehran Times.

"After my contacts trailed off, but once again I resumed in 1971, this time with a series of contacts connected with more serious activities, and have continued up to now," he added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

9 Iranian guards killed in ambush

PARIS (R) — Guerrillas opposed to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini killed nine revolutionary guards in an ambush last Thursday, the left-wing people's Mujahedin organisation said Monday. A statement from the Mujahedin's Paris office said four more guards were injured and one officer was captured in the ambush on army vehicles using a road near Salmas in northern Iran. The Mujahedin said the rebels, using rockets and machine-guns, suffered no casualties in the attack.

Slight quake hits southeast Iran

LONDON (R) — A moderate earthquake shook southeast Iran Monday, but there were no immediate reports of damage, the Iranian national news agency IRNA said. The agency, monitored in London, quoted Tehran's geophysics institute as saying the quake registered 5.1 on the Richter scale and was felt in the vicinity of Kerman. On April 18, IRNA said a strong earthquake registering 6.7 on the Richter scale shook the Gulf of Oman near the border between Iran and Pakistan. There were no reports of damage or casualties.

Libya, Upper Volta strengthen ties

OUAGADOUGOU (R) — Libya and Upper Volta will set up a joint commission to step up cooperation, according to a statement issued after a two-day visit by Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi. Col. Qadhafi returned home Sunday night from this impoverished, landlocked West African state which has traditionally turned to the West for aid. Upper Volta's five-month-old military regime said upon taking power in a coup it would seek to diversify foreign relations. Capt. Thomas Sankara, Upper Volta's 40-year-old prime minister, visited Libya and North Korea earlier this year, obtaining a \$10-million loan from Col. Qadhafi.

N. Korean to join South's air force

SEOUL (R) — A North Korean defector will become the youngest major in the South Korean air force when he is commissioned Tuesday, the defence ministry said Monday. Li Ung-Pyong, 28, was a captain in the North Korean air force when he flew his MiG-19 fighter to the South in February. Li, the seventh North Korean pilot to defect since the peninsula was divided at the end of World War II, has also been given more than one billion won (\$1.3 million) by the Seoul government. Five of the six other pilots were commissioned into the South Korean air force and one is still working as a colonel, the ministry added.

No bail for Lindy Chamberlain

CANBERRA (R) — Australia's high court Monday refused to grant bail to Lindy Chamberlain, given a life sentence last year for the 1980 murder of her infant daughter Azaria in the so-called dingo-baby case. Mrs. Chamberlain, 35, returned to jail in Sydney on Friday, pending a final appeal against her conviction. She had been freed no bail last November following the birth of her fourth child, a daughter called Kahla. The prosecution said there would be no change in the ruling of Darwin prison authorities that Mrs. Chamberlain could not keep her five-month-old daughter with her.

W. German student sentenced to jail

STUTTGART, West Germany (R) — A West German student was sentenced to four years and nine months imprisonment Monday for helping urban guerrillas carry out an abortive 1981 assassination attempt on the U.S. army commander in Europe. Helga Roos, 28, was accused of providing support for the "Red Army Faction" and supplying its members with food as they prepared a rocket and gun attack on Gen. Frederick Kroesen's car in the town of Heidelberg. He escaped with slight injuries.

GOREN BRIDGE

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A STRIP IN TIME SAVES TEN

Both vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♦ A2
♦ KQJ8
♦ 1092
♦ AK108

WEST EAST
♦ KQ10963 ♦ 874
♦ A ♦ 764
♦ AJ43 ♦ Q65
♦ 54 ♦ 9732

SOUTH
♦ J5
♦ 109532
♦ K87
♦ QJ6

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♦ Dhlc Pass 2 ♥
3 ♦ 4 ♥ Pass Pass
Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠.

Some contracts can succeed only if you find a fortunate lie of the cards. In that event, you should plan the play as if that distribution exists.

West's jump to three spades at his second turn placed North in a difficult position. He realized that South might have nothing for his bid of two hearts, because it was a forced response to a takeout double. Nevertheless, North's hand was better than minimum, and his prominent values in hearts weighed against his side's defensive prospects. So he elected to take the push to four hearts.

West led the king of spades, and declarer could count only nine tricks — one spade, four hearts and four

clubs. It was too much to hope for the tenth trick in diamonds by leading toward the king — West had to have the ace for his bids. Thus, the only hope was to end play West and force him to lead a diamond, or yield a ruff-suff. That would require a very exact distribution — West had to hold a singleton ace of trumps and no more than three clubs. With any other distribution, the defenders could avoid the impending snare.

Declarer woo the ace of spades and immediately set about stripping the clubs. When West failed to follow to the third club, declarer was half way home. West could see that there was no point to ruffing the club with his trump ace, so he discarded a spade, and another on the fourth club which followed. Declarer could now make the hand in different ways. Choosing the more elegant, he shuffled a diamond on the fourth club.

Declarer then continued with a spade and West's goose was cooked. He was forced to win the queen and be cash the ace of hearts, but then he was faced with a Hobson's choice. Another spade would allow declarer to ruff in dummy while shuffling another diamond from his hand. A diamond would present declarer with his tenth trick in that suit. Either way, declarer limited his losses to a trick in each suit except for clubs.

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